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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 6-13 with the following amended paragraph:

The present application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/141,533, filed June 28, 1999, ~~inventors Sadik Bayrakeri and Donald F. Gordon,~~ and entitled "SERVER-CENTRIC SHORT-TIME DURATION VIDEO SEGMENT DELIVERY PROCESS IN AN INTERACTIVE TELEVISION ENVIRONMENT." The present application also claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/178,100, filed January 26, 2000, ~~inventors Sadik Bayrakeri and Donald F. Gordon,~~ and entitled "BANDWIDTH MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES FOR DELIVERY OF INTERACTIVE PROGRAM GUIDE."

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 14-28 with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/524,854, filed March 14, 2000, ~~inventors Sadik Bayrakeri, Donald F. Gordon, Edward A. Ludvig, Eugene Gershtein, Jeremy S. Edmonds, John P. Comito, and Alfred Li,~~ and entitled "BANDWIDTH MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES FOR DELIVERY OF INTERACTIVE PROGRAM GUIDE." The present application is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/538,562, filed March 29, 2000, ~~inventors Donald F. Gordon, Sadik Bayrakeri, Edward A. Ludvig, Eugene Gershtein, Jeremy S. Edmonds, John P. Comito, and Alfred Li,~~ and entitled "DEMAND-CAST SYSTEM AND BANDWIDTH MANAGEMENT FOR DELIVERY OF INTERACTIVE PROGRAMMING." The present application is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/539,228, filed March 30, 2000, ~~inventors Donald F. Gordon, Sadik Bayrakeri, Edward A. Ludvig, Eugene Gershtein,~~

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~~Jeremy S. Edmonds, John P. Comito, and Alfred Li, and~~ entitled "MESSAGING
PROTOCOL FOR DEMAND-CAST SYSTEM AND BANDWIDTH MANAGEMENT."